

Obituaries

FRANCES CLAY GREENSBORO - Mrs. Frances Littlejohn Clay, 71, 3402 Regents Park Lane, Apt. D, died Sunday, July 21, 1996 at her residence.

She was a native of Kings Mountain and wife of the late John Wiley Clay. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and Circle #4. She was retired from Modern Metal Products Co.

She is survived by her son, Thomas S. Clay and his wife, Sue Ellen, of Wayne, PA; daughters and sons-in-law, Martha Clay Safarian and Theodore Michael Safarian of Reidsville, and Karen Clay Van Buren and Ronald S. Van Buren of Greensboro; eight grandchildren, Dana Michelle Clay, John Douglas Clay, Deborah Ellen Clay, Thomas Scott Clay Jr., Erika Leigh Safarian, Theodore Michael Safarian Jr., Kathryn Lane Van Buren and Thomas Clay Van Buren; and sister, Sue Laughter of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Greensboro, 2500 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405.

KAY RANDLE

GROVER - Kay Camp Randle, 43, 1057 Cleveland Avenue, died July 22, 1996 at the Wendover Hospice Facility in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Mills Hunter "Bill" and Elma Sanders Camp. She was a member of First Baptist Church and was employed by Randle Brothers in Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Randle of Grover; son, Cather Randle of Grover; daughter, Kerry Randle Hamilton of Hampton, VA; brother, Norris Camp of Blacksburg, SC; sister, Billie Ann Boheler of Grover; and one grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. John Bridges Wednesday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150; or First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 237, Grover, NC 28073.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARIE WYLIE

Marie Patterson Wylie, 71, 107 Trailer Park Road, Crouse, died July 18, 1996 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Bessemer City, she was the daughter of the late Walter Darvin Patterson and Macie Page Patterson. She was retired from Cochran's Furniture Company of Lincolnton and was a former employee of Buffalo Mill in

Shelby, Houser Mill in Cherryville, Algedon and Osage Mills in Bessemer City, and Mauney Mill in Kings Mountain.

She attended Gospel Faith Baptist Church in Crouse.

She is survived by her husband, Palmer Wylie Sr.; son, Ricky Wylie of the home; brothers, Walter Patterson of Crouse and Charles Patterson of Lincolnton; sisters, Kathleen Wylie of Crouse and Joyce Beam of High Shoals; and grandson, Michael Wylie of Virginia.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robert Beason Sunday at 3 p.m. at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Cherryville City Cemetery.

ERA COLE

Era Wilson Cole, 87, 1015 York Road, Kings Mountain, died July 19, 1996 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Jasper and Annie Lee Lindsey Wilson. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her husband, James Benson Cole Sr.; sons, J.B. Cole Jr. and Ronney Cole of Gastonia; daughter, Jo Ann Moore of Kings Mountain; brothers, Harry Wilson of Kings Mountain and J.U. Wilson of Bessemer City; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Sloan and the Rev. Morris Jordan Sunday at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 786, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LENA BROWN

Mrs. Lena Mae Carroll Brown, 68, 402 North Tracy Street, Kings Mountain, died July 18, 1996 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Lena Marie Carroll. She was a member of Good Hope Presbyterian Church where she served in the Missionary, the Choir, was a Ruling Elder, and a teacher in the tutorial program.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd E. Brown of Kings Mountain; sons Sidney E. Brown and Peter L. Brown of Kings Mountain; daughter, Patricia J. Brown of Kings Mountain; brother, Henry Fulton of Providence, R.I.; aunt, Maggie Carroll of Salisbury; and three grandchildren, Dee Dee, Denequal and Sidney Brown, all of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. State Alexander Sr. Monday at 3 p.m. at Bynum's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

ROOSTER McCONNELL

Harris Oliver "Rooster" McConnell Sr., 71, 214 Long Creek Road, died July 18, 1996 at his home.

A native of Newberry County, SC, he was the son of the late Frank H. and Connie Maddox McConnell. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Bessemer City, where he was a former deacon and active Senior Adult Sunday School Director. He was former Sunday School teacher and Brotherhood Director at Second Baptist Church, Laurens, SC.

He was a charter member and past Chairman of the Board of Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Vice President and Chairman of the Nationwide Post Polio Support Group, and a former Little League baseball coach and Bessemer City All-Star coach. He was an honor graduate of Newberry College, Newberry, SC, and was retired Shipping and Receiving Supervisor of Wells Manufacturing.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Connell; son and daughter-in-law, Harris "Buddy" O. and Eunice McConnell of Bessemer City, Frank "Joe" A. and Elizabeth McConnell of Kings Mountain; daughter, Constance E. McConnell of Asheville; brother, Jon T. McConnell of Alexis; sister, Venira "Sal" M. Cochcroft of Newberry, SC; and grandchildren, Harris "Mark" O. McConnell III of Bessemer City, Katherine D. McConnell of Clover, SC, Brandon T. Williams of Bessemer City, Vanessa E. Ibanez of Kings Mountain, Kelly M. McConnell of Kings Mountain, and Ker Medero of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Larry McClure and A.A. Bailey Sunday at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Bessemer City. Burial was in Westview Garden with full honors from the Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Ron Cromer, Arthur F. Cochcroft, Larry Cochroft, Nathan McConnell, Jamie McConnell, Johnny Traynham, Larry Traynham, and George Patterson. Honorary pallbearers were members of Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Memorials may be made to Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, 703 Chestnut Ridge Church Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; Hospice of Gaston County, P.O. Box 3948, Gastonia, NC 28053; or First Baptist Church, 107 E. Washington Ave., Bessemer City, NC 28016.

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HENRY FOSTER

Henry Foster, 76, 1724 County Line Road, Kings Mountain, died July 18, 1996 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Thomas Robert and Azzlee Whetstine Foster. He was retired from Carolina Dairy and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Cora Bolin Foster of Kings Mountain; sons, Tommy Foster and Michael Foster of Kings Mountain; daughters, Linda Franklin of Kings Mountain and JoAnn Green of Ellenboro; brother, George Foster of Bessemer City; sisters, Cleo Davison and Mae Humphries of Kings Mountain; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt Monday at 3 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

LLOYD V. GILLESPIE

Lloyd V. Gillespie Sr., 61, 204 Benfield Road, Kings Mountain, died July 21, 1996 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Vester Gillespie and Georgia Johnson Gillespie. He was a textile employee and attended Faith Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Barnett Gillespie of Kings Mountain; sons and daughters-in-law, Vernon and Peggy Gillespie of Kings Mountain and Kenneth and Kim Gillespie of Alberdine, South Dakota; daughters and sons-in-law, Freida and Ricky Ramsey and Tammy and Scott Scruggs of Kings Mountain; sisters, Peggy Jackson and Lana Hoppis of Forest City; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Sam Snyder and J.R. Robbins Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Juried Artists Exhibition set in Shelby

The Shelby Art League's 22nd Annual Juried Artists Exhibition will be held October 25-November 15 at the Arts Center at Cleveland Community College.

Stephen Wicks, Curator at the Knoxville Museum of Art, will serve as juror. Cash awards totaling \$4,000 will be presented to the winners. Works are limited to original paintings, drawings, and sculpture completed in the past two years and not

previously entered in a Shelby Art League show.

Accepted works must be UPS shippable or hand delivered. Deadline for slides is September 3 and the entry fee is \$15 for up to three slides.

For a prospectus, mail a self-addressed label and a first class stamp (no envelope) to Shelby Art League, P.O. Box 1708, Shelby, NC 28151. For more information, contact Hal Bryant at 484-4023.

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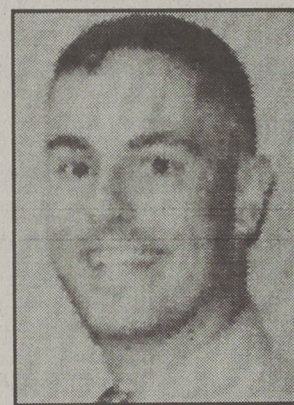
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